

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): Government have seen a newspaper report to this effect. They have made enquiries from available sources, but so far no confirmation of the report has been forthcoming. Government are continuing their enquiries

Completion of Bridges

1973. Shri Kalika Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what is the time schedule of commencement and completion of construction works of Dohrighat, Ayodhya and Rapti Bridges on the National Highway in U.P. State,

(b) the bridges on the National Highway in Eastern U.P. which have been damaged completely or partially and the steps being taken to reconstruct them,

(c) whether there is any road route between Varanasi and Dohrighat covering lesser distance than the present National Highway; and

(d) if so, the route with particular towns on it and the difference in mileage?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix IV, annexure No 108]

(b) Only one bridge on a National Highway in Eastern U.P., viz., the bridge over the Tons on Varanasi—Ghazipur Road, National Highway No. 29 was washed away by the floods in 1955. Plans and estimates for its reconstruction have already been prepared and the work is expected to be taken up shortly.

(c) and (d). The National Highway between Varanasi and Dohrighat goes via Ghanipur. An alternative route connects Varanasi and Dohrighat via Deogaon, Anangarh. This route is shorter than the National Highway route by 10 miles.

Family Planning Operations in Lady Hardinge Hospital

1974. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Lady Hardinge Hospital, New Delhi, discourages Family Planning Operations in view of shortage of beds in the hospital; and

(b) how many such operations were made by the hospital during this year?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No, Sir

(b) 116 operations from the 1st January, 1957 to the 30th November, 1957

Supply of Milk to Patients in Lady Hardinge Hospital

1975. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the authorities in the General Maternity Ward of Lady Hardinge Hospital, New Delhi, insist on the patients the use of milk provided only by the hospital?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): Food including milk is not allowed to be brought from the homes of patients in the General Maternity Ward, the reason being that such food is considered to be a factor in causing diseases like diarrhoea in new-born babies

Trunk Telephone Exchange at Bikaner

1976. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Trunk Telephone Service to and from Bikaner is subject to constant breakdown causing a great deal of inconvenience to the public; and

(b) the reasons for breakdown in service on the following dates:

1. 10th November, 1957;
2. 15th November, 1957; and
3. 18th November, 1957?